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SUBJECT: PRIVATE VISIT TO THE U.S. OF KING MOSHOESHOE II

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1. CHARGE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY PERMSEC FOREIGN AFFAIRS MASHOLOGU THAT HIS MAJESTY KING MOSHOESHOE II HAS REACTIVATED HIS PLANS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. THE DATES PRESENTLY BEING CONTEMPLATED ARE SEPTEMBER 1-10 AND THE GOL WISHES TO KNOW WHETHER THESE DATES WOULD BE SATISFACTORY FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE USG.

2. INFORMATION CONCERNING HM'S INTERESTS AS CONVEYED BY THE PS DIFFER SOMEWHAT FROM THE EARLIER INDICATIONS GIVEN CHARGE BY THE KING HIMSELF. PS INDICATED HIM WOULD LIKE TO VISIT "UNIVERSITIES, INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, SCHOOLS SPONSORING ADULT EDUCATION AND DIVERSIFIED CURRICULUM PROGRAMS AND AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS". PS ALSO INDICATED HIM WOULD LIKE TO VISIT CARE, CRS AND AAI.

3. FOLLOWING IS RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED PARA 1 REFTTEL.

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A. THE KING WILL NOT BE TRAVELING ALONE BUT COMPOSITION OF HIS PARTY IS AS YET UNSPECIFIED. PARTY MAY NUMBER FIVE OR SIX PEOPLE.

B. HIS MAJESTY ORIGINALLY INDICATED THAT MODERATION IN ACCOMMODATIONS, ETC. WOULD BE APPROPRIATE BUT, SINCE GOL MAY HAVE IDEAS OF ITS OWN IN THIS RESPECT, SUGGEST THIS MATTER BE

DEFERRED UNTIL LATER. BELIEVE HM WILL HAVE HIS TICKET WRITTEN FOR ROUND TRIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROGRAM ULTIMATELY PREPARED. DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH LESOTHO EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, CAN ARRANGE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

C. NO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS.

D. HM WOULD BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT ENTERTAINMENT IN PRIVATE HOMES SINCE ONE OBJECTIVE OF HIS VISIT IS TO OBSERVE AND LEARN ABOUT AMERICAN PRIVATE AS WELL AS PUBLIC LIFE.

E. HM IS QUITE PREPARED TO MEET WITH THE PRESS PROVIDING THAT THE SUBJECT MATTER IS STRICTLY NON-POLITICAL. GOL MAY HAVE OTHER VIEWS.

F. HM HAS INDICATED THAT HE WOULD PREFER A MODERATELY FULL PROGRAM. BELIEVE IN THIS RESPECT A PRIOR SUBMISSION OF PROGRAM PROPOSAL TO HIM WILL ENABLE HIM TO BLUE PENCIL IT TO SUIT HIS DESIRES.

4. THE PS PREFERRED TO LEAVE DISCUSSION OF OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE VISIT UNTIL AFTER THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM IS MADE KNOWN. BELIEVE EARLIER PROGRAM PROPOSALS (REFTEL) WOULD STILL BE APPROPRIATE AS AN INITIAL PROPOSAL WITH POSSIBLE ADDITION OF VISIT TO AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM (SUGGEST BOSTON UNIVERSITY), INCLUSION OF ADULT EDUCATION/DIVERSIFIED CURRICULUM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IF POSSIBLE AND VISITS TO CARE, CRS AND AAI, NEW YORK DURING HM'S STAY THERE. REALIZE THIS WILL CROWD THE PROPOSED PROGRAM BUT INCLUSION OF THESE ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS WILL ENABLE HM TO CHOOSE THOSE THINGS HE WISHES TO DO AND ELIMINATE OTHERS.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY DISCUSS AS APPROPRIATE WITH LESOTHO EMBASSY, WASHINGTON SINCE ACTION REGARDING VISIT HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN OVER BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT PREPARE A NEW PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR PRESENTATION TO GOL. PROPOSED PROGRAM SHOULD ALSO BE COPIED TO EMBASSY LONDON TO BE PASSED TO LESOTHO HIGH COMMISSION FOR HIS MAJESTY.
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